

SARAH HILDRETH.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 789.]

MAY 25, 1860.

Mr. FLORENCE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Hildreth, submit the following report:*

Your committee are of opinion, on an examination of the facts and circumstances of this case, that the petitioner is justly entitled to the charity of the government, and therefore report the accompanying bill. The case is particularly stated in the report of a former committee, to which this committee beg leave to refer.

FEBRUARY 9, 1848.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Sarah Hildreth, submit the following report:*

The petitioner is the widow of John Hildreth, deceased, who, during the late war with Great Britain, enlisted as a soldier during the war, in the company commanded by Captain Henry Leavenworth, which was attached to the 25th regiment United States infantry. The said John Hildreth, during the period of his service, was in the battles of Little York, Fort George, and Fifty Mile creek, in Upper Canada, (in which last engagement he was wounded,) besides several skirmishes with the enemy, in all of which he acted bravely, and discharged his duty as a faithful soldier. He was at one time taken prisoner, but made his escape from the enemy, and returned to his company. In the latter part of the year 1813, he contracted a disease by fatigue and exposure which terminated his life on the 1st day of January, 1814, at Sackett's Harbor. The petitioner has remained a widow since the death of her husband. She applied for a pension, believing she was entitled to it, but was informed by the Commissioner of Pensions that "the widow of a soldier of the army is in no case entitled to a pension, whether he died of disease or of wounds."

Your committee are of opinion for these reasons, connected with the reduced circumstances in life of the petitioner, that she is entitled to relief, and have accordingly reported a bill for that purpose.

